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DETERMINING BLOOD PRESSURE"  
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**Preliminary Amendment**

This Preliminary Amendment is filed in response to the Examiner's outstanding Office Action of June 4, 2002 for the corresponding "parent" case. Please amend the application as follows:

**In the Claims:**

Cancel claims 1-15. Add new claims 16-40 as follows:

16. A method of determining blood pressure, for use with an apparatus that includes: (i) a limb orientation sensing unit, (ii) a blood pressure measurement mechanism, and (iii) a timing mechanism, wherein the timing mechanism is coupled to the blood pressure measurement mechanism and the limb orientation sensing unit; the method comprising the steps of: